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RUEHBU/AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES 1755
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/********** THIS IS A COMBINED MESSAGE **********/
BODY
TAGS: SNAR, AID, BL
SUBJECT: REPORT OF INM-FUNDED PROGRAM ACTIVITY -
BOLIVIA - (MARCH 1994)
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1. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:
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-- ERADICATION PATROL ATTACKED;

-- AMBASSADOR HOLDS LUNCHEON FOR BOLIVIAN
COUNTERNARCOTICS TEAM;

-- COCAINE PROCESSING LABORATORY DESTROYED.

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2. ERADICATION PATROL ATTACKED:
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ON MARCH 5 A LARGE MOB VIOLENTLY ATTACKED A JOINT UMOPAR/DIRECO ERADICATION PATROL IN AN AREA OF THE CHAPARE. THE PATROL WAS RETURNING FROM A MORNING OPERATION WHEN THEIR MOTORCADE WAS BLOCKED BY TWO SEPARATE CROWDS. BOTH CROWDS ALLOWED THE MOTORCADE TO CONTINUE ON UNTIL IT WAS MET BY YET A THIRD CROWD. THE THREE GROUPS COMBINED AND BLOCKED THE PATROL FROM REACHING THE MAIN ROAD. MANY IN THE ANGRY GROUP BEGAN SWINGING MACHETES, THROWING ROCKS AND AT LEAST ONCE SET OFF DYNAMITE. THE ATTACK LEFT THREE BOLIVIANS HOSPITALIZED. NO AMERICANS WERE INVOLVED IN THIS PATROL.

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3. BOLIVIAN CN TEAM LUNCHEON:
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THE AMBASSADOR HOSTED A LUNCH ON MARCH 15 FOR THE BOLIVIAN COUNTERNARCOTICS TEAM. THE BOLIVIAN SIDE WAS HEADED BY THE MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT, GERMAN QUIROGA, AND INCLUDED MARIO SOLIZ, THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL DEFENSE, VICTOR HUGO CANELAS, THE SUBSECRETARY FOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, AND GENERAL LOPEZ LEYTON, THE COMMANDER FOR THE SPECIAL FORCES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST NARCO-TRAFFICKING (FELCN). THE AMERICAN SIDE CONSISTED OF THE AMBASSADOR, DCM, AID DIRECTOR, DEA COUNTRY ATTACHE, AND NAS DIRECTOR. THE DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON THE CONTINUED NEED FOR COCA ERADICATION AFTER THE MARCH 5 ATTACK. THE GOB SIDE REAFFIRMED THEIR COMMITMENT TO ERADICATION BUT ADMITTED THAT CAMPESINO OPPOSITION AND WILLINGNESS TO RESORT TO VIOLENCE PRESENTED THEM WITH A POLITICALLY DIFFICULT PROBLEM.

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COCAINE LAB DESTROYED:

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ON MARCH 18 ONE OF THE LARGEST COCAINE PROCESSING LABORATORIES THAT HAS BEEN FOUND IN THE LAST FEW YEARS WAS DESTROYED. THE LABORATORY WAS LOCATED 5 KM DUE WEST OF THE VIRU VIRU AIRPORT NEAR THE SANCHEZ VALLEY. IT HAD THE CAPACITY TO PROCESS 300 KG OF COCAINE PER WEEK, WITH A DEGREE OF PURITY UNCOMMONLY HIGH FOR BOLIVIA. MORE THAN 500 KG OF COCAINE IN VARIOUS PROCESSING STAGES WERE FOUND AT THE SITE.

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4. COCA PRICES SLIGHTLY INCREASE:

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AVERAGE COCA PRICES IN THE CHAPARE REMAINED LOW UNTIL THE END OF MARCH WHEN THEY SHOWED A SLIGHT INCREASE.

NOTE: THE PRICES IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE ARE IN BOLIVIANOS WITH DOLLAR EQUIVALENTS IN PARENTHESES.

MONTH		SINAHOTA	ETERAMAZAMA	IVIRGARZAMA
JAN	1994	250.32 (56.00)	200.00 (44.74)	245.48 (54.92)
	1993	205.00 (112.73 (24.67)		
	1993	212.90 (50.93)	169.35 (40.51)	188.71 (45.15)
	1992	185.74 (48.75)	177.41 (44.13)	168.15 (44.13)
APR	1993	222.00 (52.86)	179.33 (42.70)	223.00 (53.10)
	1992	130.58 (34.01)	162.31 (42.27)	147.69 (38.46)
MAY	1993	208.06 (49.19)	175.16 (41.41)	212.58 (50.26)
	1992	145.38 (37.76)	145.38 (37.76)	177.31 (46.10)
JUN	1993	278.83 (65.61)	239.83 (56.44)	274.00 (64.48)
	1992	185.00 (47.56)	185.00 (47.56)	189.33 (48.67)
JUL	1993	358.71 (83.62)	301.29 (70.24)	374.19 (87.23)
	1992	162.58 (41.47)	168.55 (43.00)	115.16 (29.38)

AUG	1993	297.74	(69.41)	280.32	(65.02)	292.90 (68.28)
	1992	165.67	(41.7?	160.33	(40.38)	143.33 (36.10)
SEP	1993	300.00	(68.81)	289.67	(66.44)	323.73 (74.24)
	1992	238.00	(59.20)	221.33	(55.06)	215.00 (53.48)
OCT	1993	284.52	(64.66)	267.42	(60.78)	301.94 (68.62)
	1992	156.25	(38.68)	190.00	(47.03)	143.75 (35.58)
NOV	1993	230.00	(52.27)	208.67	(47.43)	258.00 (58.64)
	1992	173.00	(43.00)	180.67	(44.00)	156.67 (38.00)
DEC	1993	257.39	(57.58)	222.61	(49.80)	246.09 (55.05)
	1992	180.33	(43.98)	182.33	(44.47)	123.67 (30.16)

NOTE: MARCH AVERAGE IS BS. 124.19 (USD 27.18)
ROE IS BS. 4.57 = USD 1.00

CUMULATIVE REDUCTION STATISTICS AS REPORTED BY DIRECO
(FIGURES ARE IN HECTARES)

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MONTH	CY 94	CY 93	CUMULATIVE TOTALS CY 94	OVERALL
JANUARY	83.3	264.5	83.3	26,226.9
FEBRUARY	68.0	314.7	151.3	26,334.9
MARCH	42.2	303.0	193.5	26,377.1
APRIL		293.5		
MAY		287.0		
JUNE		253.0		
JULY		190.0		

AUGUST	48.0
SEPTEMBER	80.9
OCTOBER	95.1
NOVEMBER	97.0
DECEMBER	172.2

CY 1994 ERADICATION BY CATEGORY

MONTH	COMPENSATED	UNCOMPENSATED	MONTHLY TOTAL
TOTAL 1993	2,252.3	146.6	2,398.9
JANUARY	74.1	9.2	83.3
FEBRUARY	60.7	7.3	68.0
MARCH	35.7	6.5	42.2
YTD 1994	170.5	23.0	193.5

5. ERADICATION OF COCA SEEDBEDS

THE COCA CONTROL LAW MAKES CULTIVATION OF COCA SEEDBEDS BY PRIVATE PERSONS ILLEGAL. WHEN ENCOUNTERED, THEY MUST BE ERADICATED WITHOUT COMPENSATION OR THE GROWER ON WHOSE LAND THEY ARE FOUND IS INELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION PAYMENTS FOR VOLUNTARY ERADICATION OF MATURE COCA. DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH 65 SQ. METERS OF COCA SEEDBEDS WERE ERADICATED. SEEDBED ERADICATION IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE TOTALS FOR ERADICATION OF STANDING COCA.

MONTH	SEEDBEDS (SQ. M.)	CUMULATIVE REDUCTION ANNUAL	SINCE 10/88
JANUARY 1993	962.0	962.0	128,465.5
FEBRUARY	922.0	1,884.0	129,387.5
MARCH	727.0	2,611.0	130,114.5
APRIL	1,146.5	3,757.5	131,261.0
MAY	1,268.0	5,025.5	132,529.0
JUNE	1,335.5	6,361.0	138,690.0
JULY	1,501.0	7,862.0	140,391.0
AUGUST	215.0	7,977.0	140,606.0
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SEPTEMBER	269.0	8,246.0	140,875.0
OCTOBER	1,952.3	10,198.3	142,827.3
NOVEMBER	1,693.0	11,891.3	144,520.3
DECEMBER	1,509.5	13,400.8	146,029.8

JANUARY 1994	791.0	791.0	146,820.8
FEBRUARY	400.0	1,191.0	147,220.8
MARCH	65.0	1,256.0	147,285.8

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6. 1994 CUMULATIVE SEIZURE STATISTICS REPORTED BY DEA

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THE FOLLOWING TABLE HAS BEEN COMPILED BASED UPON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE BOLIVIAN NATIONAL POLICE AND FROM REPORTS MADE BY DEA FOLLOWING AN ANALYTICAL COMPARISON OF THE TWO FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 1 THRU MARCH 31, 1994. THE TABLES PRESENTED BELOW REFLECT ADJUSTMENTS THAT WERE MADE IN SEVERAL CATEGORIES FOLLOWING A REVIEW OF PREVIOUS REPORTS, AND ANY CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS REPORTING REFLECTS THESE CORRECTIONS. SINCE SEPTEMBER 1993 THERE HAS BEEN AN IMPORTANT CHANGE IN THE QUANTITIES REPORTED BY DEA LA PAZ FOR AGUA RICA BASE EQUIVALENT (NOTED WITH AN ASTERISK). THE CHANGE IN THIS CATEGORY REFLECTS THE MOST RECENT ANALYSIS OF CONVERSION RATIOS. ACCORDING TO INITIAL REPORTS FROM DEA'S PLANT YIELD STUDY TEAM, THE CORRECT RATIO IS 37 LITERS OF AGUA RICA BASE TO 1 KILOGRAM OF COCAINE BASE. PREVIOUSLY, THE RATIO WAS THOUGHT TO BE 1:1 AND WAS REPORTED AS SUCH IN ALL STATISTICS SUBMITTED BEFORE SEPTEMBER. BEGINNING WITH THE DECEMBER 1993 REPORT, ALL FIGURES FOR AGUA RICA BASE EQUIVALENT REFLECT THE NEW CONVERSION RATE.

NARCOTICS	MAR 94	CY 1994 YTD	MAR 93
COCAINE HCL (KG)	3.7	40.7	0.0
COCAINE BASE (KG)	512	1,699	106.6
COCA PASTE (KG)	28	46.5	0.0
AGUA RICA BASE (L)	2,889	6,014	N/R
-BASE EQUIV. (KG)*	75.3*	159.7*	N/R
COCA LEAF (KG)	14,935	37,572	8,120
LABORATORIES			
HCL:	2	5	0
BASE:	129	384	N/R
AGUA RICA PRODUCTION SITES:	0	60	68
PERSONS DETAINED:	79	219	142
EQUIPMENT			
AIRCRAFT:	1	7	3

VEHICLES:	7	21	18
GENERATORS:	0	1	0

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DRYER:	0	1	N/A
ARMS:	0	10	2

CHEMICALS

ETHER (L)	3,990	4,015	1,064
ACETONE (L)	2,620	11,319	1,011
AMMONIA (L)	1,020	1,752	N/A
HYDROCHLORIC ACID (L)	202	330	N/A
SULFURIC ACID (L)	4,615	5,763	4,652
BICARBONATE (KG)	777	1,365	355
LIME (KG)	17,073	43,166	38,056
POT. PERM. (KG)	41	87	N/A
FUEL (L)	26,796	51,871	N/A

THE FOLLOWING TABLE COMPARES SEIZURE STATISTICS FROM CALENDAR YEAR 1993 WITH SEIZURE STATISTICS FROM CALENDAR YEAR 1994:

	JAN-FEB 1993	JAN-FEB 1994
COCAINE HCL (KG)	48.3	40.7
COCAINE BASE (KG)	620.1	1,699
COCA PASTE (KG)	N/A	46.5
AGUA RICA BASE (L)	2,973	6,014
BASE EQUIVALENT (KG)*	N/A*	159.7*
COCA LEAF (KG)	33,093	37,572
HCL LABS (INCLUDING OPERATION GHOST ZONE)	2	5
BASE LABS (INCLUDING OPERATION GHOST ZONE)	48	384
AGUA RICA PRODUCTION SITES	203	60
PERSONS DETAINED (INCLUDING OPERATION GHOST ZONE)	282	219

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7. AIR OPERATIONS PROGRAM

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-- THE UH-1 FLEET WAS SEVERLY IMPACTED BY THE WORLD

WIDE T-53-L13 ENGINE PROBLEM, REDUCING AVAILABILITY DOWN TO 7 AIRCRAFT FOR A PERIOD OF TIME. FLIGHT TRAINING CAME TO A STAND-STILL AS ALL AVAILABLE AIRCRAFT WERE FORWARD DEPLOYED TO SUPPORT OPERATIONS.

-- THE RDTF MAINTENANCE SQUADRON DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB MAINTAINING A HIGH AVAILABILITY RATE WITH THE REMAINING AIRCRAFT, AND CONTINUED A HEAVY PROGRAM OF ENGINE REPLACEMENTS AND PHASE INSPECTIONS.

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-- AN ADDITIONAL C130B WAS PICKED UP FROM DAVIS MOTHAN IN MARCH. INCREASING THE C130B FLEET AVAILABLE FOR CN MISSIONS TO FOUR.

-- PC-7'S BASED OUT OF COCHABAMBA CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN A DISMAL 40% OR RATE DUE TO THE ENGINE MAINTENANCE.

-- TWO HELICOPTER, AND ONE CESSNA IN COORDINATION WITH PC-7'S PERSUED AND FORCED A SUSPECTED CESSNA TO LAND. RESULTS, ONE LESS CESSNA AVAILABLE TO TRAFFICKERS.

FLIGHT HOUR USAGE
(MARCH)

UH-1H

	OPS	MAINT	TRNG	VIS	MED TRANS	LOGISTICS
TRINIDAD	99.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CHIMORE	78.7	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SANTA CRUZ	5.7	8.0	23.1	0.0	0.0	0.6
TOTAL	183.6	9.7	23.1	0.0	0.0	0.6
TOTAL FOR MARCH		217.0				

CESSNA

	OPS	MAINT	TRNG	VIS	MED TRANS	LOGISTICS
TRINIDAD	84.7	3.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CHIMORE	42.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6
SANTA CRUZ	8.3	2.1	39.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	135.4	5.6	39.1	0.0	0.0	1.6

TOTAL FOR MARCH 181.7

C-47

	OPS	MAINT	TRNG	VIS	MED TRANS	LOGISTICS
TRINIDAD	17.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.4
CHIMORE	4.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.7
SANTA CRUZ	1.5	0.0	7.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL	23.4	0.0	7.1	0.0	0.0	27.1

TOTAL FOR MARCH 57.6

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8. COMPARATIVE OPERATIONAL READINESS RATE AND HOURS:

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I. UH-1H HELICOPTERS:

MONTH	OPERATIONAL READINESS 1993	1994	HOURS FLOWN 1993	1994
JANUARY	83.0	88.0	296.0	421.0
FEBRUARY	85.0	86.0	468.0	357.0
MARCH	86.0	95.0	556.1	217.0
APRIL	85.0		492.0	
MAY	80.0		651.0	
JUNE	75.0		594.0	
JULY	81.0		395.0	
AUGUST	88.0		653.0	
SEPTEMBER	83.0		650.0	
OCTOBER	80.0		469.0	
NOVEMBER	81.0		426.3	
DECEMBER	81.0		315.0	

II. CESSNA 206:

MONTH	OPERATIONAL READINESS 1993	1994	HOURS FLOWN 1993	1994		
JANUARY		95.0	82.0	92.9	148.0	
FEBRUARY	93.0	93.0	200.0	137.2		
MARCH	98.0	71.0	260.0	181.7		
APRIL	94.0		166.1			
MAY	78.0		206.0			
JUNE	75.0		160.6			

JULY	69.0	168.0
AUGUST	74.0	208.7
SEPTEMBER	67.0	152.9
OCTOBER	67.0	138.4
NOVEMBER	84.0	194.6
DECEMBER	70.0	115.3

III. C-47:

	OPERATIONAL READINESS		HOURS FLOWN	
MONTH	1993	1994	1993	1994
JANUARY	N/A	90.0	N/A	38.1
FEBRUARY	N/A	67.0	N/A	22.1
MARCH	N/A	81.0	N/A	57.6
APRIL	N/A		N/A	
MAY	90.0		64.1	
JUNE	92.0		58.0	
JULY	83.0		38.0	
AUGUST	18.0		3.4	
SEPTEMBER	72.0		34.6	
OCTOBER	77.0		52.7	
NOVEMBER	78.0		3.0	
DECEMBER	79.0		26.4	

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9. MAINTENANCE

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	UH-1H	C-206	C-47
MISSION CAPABLE	95.0	71.0	81.0
NON-MISSION CAPABLE MAINT.	5.0	28.0	19.0
NON-MISSION CAPABLE SUPPLY	0.0	1.0	0.0
TOTAL HOURS	217.0	181.7	57.6
HOURS PER AIRFRAME	9.8	45.2	57.6
TOTAL HELO FLIGHT HOURS	30,120.7		

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10. DYNCORP PERSONNEL SUPPORT (SNAPSHOT)

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POSITION	ON HAND
STATION MANAGER	1
SEC	1
INSTRUCTOR PILOTS	1
LOGISTICS	1
DATA ENTRY	1
QUALITY CONTROL/	10

MECHANICS
MECHANICS

TOTAL	15

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11. PILOTS AVAILABLE TO THE RDTF
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	UH-1H	CESSNA	C-47	RDTF
INSTRUCTOR PILOTS	4	9	0	13
PILOTS-IN-COMMAND	37	22	3	62
PILOTS		171	8	26
STUDENT PILOTS	0	0	0	0
TOTAL PILOTS				54
23				
11				
88				
TOTAL FLIGHT CREWS	27	11	3	41
TOTAL AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED	22	4	1	27

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12. WATERWAYS LAW ENFORCEMENT (WLE) PROGRAM SUMMARY:
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1. PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE WATERWAYS LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (WLE) FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1994 FOLLOW:

(A) THE WLE SCHOOL'S BASIC COURSE, WHICH CONVENED ON JANUARY 31, 1994, WAS COMPLETED ON MARCH 26, 1994 AFTER THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE EIGHT-WEEK INTRODUCTORY COURSE FOR NEWLY ASSIGNED TASK FORCE MEMBERS. SEVENTEEN (17) OF THE TWENTY (20) BLUE DEVIL

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AND UMOPAR STUDENTS WHO STARTED THE COURSE GRADUATED. THE GRADUATES WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE OUTLYING BASES OF RIBERALTA, GUAYARAMERIN, AND PUERTO VILLARROEL. THE THREE STUDENTS WHO DID NOT GRADUATE WERE DEEMED TO LACK THE NECESSARY APTITUDE TO SERVE IN THE TASK FORCE AND WILL BE TRANSFERRED BACK TO THEIR PARENT AGENCIES (NAVY & NATIONAL POLICE).

(B) DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH, BLUE DEVIL UNITS PATROLLED WITHOUT THE NORMAL AND CUSTOMARY UMOPAR PRESENCE. THIS WAS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE DRAW-DOWN OF UMOPAR STRENGTH IN THE BENI TO SUPPORT THE INCREASE IN COCA ERADICATION EFFORTS IN THE CHAPARE. BLUE DEVIL UNITS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED FOUR (04) LONG DURATION PATROLS FROM THREE FORWARD OPERATING BASES WITHOUT

UMOPAR PRESENCE. TASK FORCE UNITS SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTED OVER 100 BOARDINGS AND COLLECTED VALUABLE INTELLIGENCE ALONG THE RIVERS AS THEY HAVE BEEN TRAINED TO DO. ALL PATROLS WERE COMPLETED IN A THOROUGHLY PROFESSIONAL AND SUCCESSFUL MANNER. AS A PRIME EXAMPLE OF THIS OPERATIONAL CONCEPT, ON 8 MARCH 1994, A TASK FORCE PATROL BOAT ON THE RIO ITENEZ BOARDED A VESSEL AND FOUND 1 KILO OF HCL HIDDEN ON A PASSENGER. THIS PERSON WAS LEGALLY DETAINED BY TASK FORCE MEMBERS AND DEA/UMOPAR TRINIDAD WAS CALLED TO REQUEST FOLLOW-UP SUPPORT. DEA/UMOPAR TRINIDAD DESPATCHED AN AIRCRAFT TO THIS RIVER SITE AND MADE THE OFFICIAL ARREST AND SEIZURE AFTER TAKING POSSESSION OF THE DETAINEE AND CONTRABAND. THIS SEIZURE IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF HOW BLUE DEVIL ASSETS CAN INCREASE THE OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SPECIAL FORCES CONCEPT IN BOLIVIA.

2. THE WLE PROGRAM ABSTRACT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 1994 FOLLOWS:

I.

TASK FORCES	OPS SORTIES/ HOURS	TRNG HOURS	LOGTS SORTIES	MAINT HOURS
TRINIDAD	36/186	00	5	00
TRINIDAD RTF SCHOOL	N/A	237	4	00
PUERTO VILLARROEL	06/88	480	2	00
RIBERALTA	32/116	00	0	80
GUAYARAMERIN	42/183	10	4	00
SUPPORT VESSELS				
M-341	01/139	N/A	1	00
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M-223	01/138	N/A	2	40
M-224	01/144	N/A	1	00
M-103	01/126	N/A	1	80
M-107	00/00	N/A	0	00

II. EMPLOYMENT MISSIONS

TASK FORCES	BOARDINGS	BLOCKADES	LAND	LISTENING INSERTSOPS
TRINIDAD	37	34	202	09
PUERTO VILLARROEL	14	08	41	09
RIBERALTA	24	00	106	09
GUAYARAMERIN	26	49	140	07

(NOTE: TASK FORCE STATISTICS ARE TOTALS FOR ALL PATROL BOATS PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE BASES DENOTED. OPERATIONS MAY, OR MAY NOT, HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED WITHIN THE INDICATED BASE'S AREA OF OPERATION.)

3. PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE BOLIVIAN WLE TASK FORCE (WTF) AS OF MARCH 31, 1994:

TASK FORCES	OFFICIALS	SUB-OFFICIALS	SERGEANTS
TRINIDAD RTF HDQTS	07	08	00
TRINIDAD RTF SCHOOL	05	02	00
TRINIDAD MAIN. FAC.	01	05	00
TRINIDAD	08	17	08
PUERTO VILLARROEL	04	03	06
RIBERALTA	05	06	06
GUAYARAMERIN	06	07	08
SUPPORT VESSELS	04	00	00

TOTAL PERSONNEL ASSIGNED: 117

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3. ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS REPORT MAY BE REFERRED TO COMMANDER PETER GANSER, U.S. COAST GUARD ADVISOR, NAS LA PAZ, PHONE (5912) 391582.

END REPORT. BOWERS
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